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SUBJECT: JEUNE AFRIQUE ARTICLE ON WESTERN SAHARA

1. WE RECOMMEND ARTICLE ENTITLED "SAHARA: THE PARTITION PLAN" BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT ABDELAZIZ DAHMANI IN JANUARY 30 JEUNE AFRIQUE (NUMBER 786) TO PERSONS INTERESTED IN WESTERN SAHARA DISPUTE. DAHMANI, WHO MADE MID-JANUARY VISIT TO TICHLA IN MAURITANIAN PRO-
TION OF SAHARA, OFFERS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING BY-PLAY ON SAHARAN DEVELOPMENTS. DAHMANI IS NOT KNOWN TO US.

2. COMPANION PIECE APPEARS TO PROVIDE AUTHORITATIVE ACCOUNT ON INCIDENT REPORTED IN LE MONDE EARLIER THIS MONTH ABOUT FRENCH PILOT ALLEGEDLY SHOT DOWN BY POLISARIO NEAR MAURITANIAN BORDER. DAHMANI STATES THAT GILBERT BONZONI, FRENCHMAN FLYING FOR MAURITANIAN AIR FORCE, WAS RETURNING FROM 'AIN BEN TILI DECEMBER 31 WHEN HIS PLANE WAS HIT IN WING WHILE FLYING OVER SECTION OF SAHARA. PLANE APPEARED TO POLISARIO TO CRASH IN DISTANCE. ACCORDING TO DAHMANI, BONZONI MADE EMERGENCY LANDING IN ATAR, MAURITANIA. COMMENT: BONZONI IS IN FACT FRENCHMAN ON PRIVATE CONTRACT TO MAURITANIAN AIR FORCE. HE IS ALSO KNOWN TO STILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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FLYING PLANES FOR AIR FORCE. END COMMENT.HANDYSIDE

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